

REMARKS

In the application claims 1, 3-12, and 14-21 remain pending. Claims 2 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Various of claims have been amended and support for the amendments may be found in the specification, claims, and figures as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, the entry of the amendments into the record of the subject application for patent is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action of December 2, 2004, pending claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-21 were rejected. Originally filed claims 4 and 15 were deemed to contain allowable subject matter. The reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is, however, respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-21 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Darbee (U.S. Patent No. 6,130,726) or as being rendered obvious by Darbee in further view of Wachter (U.S. Patent No. 6,469,633).

In response, it is respectfully submitted that a rejection under Section 102 or Section 103 requires that a single reference, or a combination of references, disclose each and every element set forth in the claims, considering each and every word. Since Darbee, or Darbee in combination with Wachter, cannot be said to disclose, teach, or suggest each and every element, considering each and every word, of the now pending claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims must be withdrawn.

The pending claims are directed to a readable media for use in a platform, the readable media having instructions for retrieving and displaying information. To this end, the instructions of the readable media of claim 1, in response to a sensed activation

of a command key of the platform, both transmit a command to the appliance to cause the appliance to select at least one of plural content streams having within the platform an associated address for an information source that has information related to its corresponding content stream and initiate a retrieval of information related to the selected content stream(s) using the appropriate address(es). Similarly, the instructions of the readable media of claim 12, in response to a sensed activation of a command key of the platform, both place the platform into one of plural modes to transmit commands to at least one of a plurality of appliances each of the plurality of appliances having within the platform an associated address for an information source that has information related to its corresponding appliance and initiate the retrieval of information related to appliance(s) using the appropriate address(es). The information retrieved using the instructions of the readable media of either claim is then displayed.

In contrast to the steps performed by the instructions of the claimed readable media, Darbee discloses a system in which information, in the form of an Electronic Program Guide ("EPG"), is retrieved from an information source external to the Darbee remote control. The EPG of Darbee may be transmitted to the remote control when the user uses the remote control to select a channel for viewing (Col. 9, lines 14-21), i.e., the EPG is transmitted to the remote control from a set-top box when the set-top box senses the receipt of any IR channel tuning command. The transmitting of an EPG to the remote control from the same set-top box in response to the receipt by the set-top box of any IR channel tuning command does not, however, describe, teach, or suggest a readable media having instructions which, upon a sensed activation of a command key, cause the appliance to select at least one of plural content streams having within the platform an

associated address for an information source that has information related to its corresponding content stream and initiate a retrieval of information related to the selected content stream(s) using the appropriate address(es). Likewise, the transmitting of an EPG to the remote control from the same set-top box in response to the receipt by the set-top box of any IR channel tuning command does not describe, teach, or suggest a readable media having instructions which, upon a sensed activation of a command key, place the platform into one of plural modes to transmit commands to at least one of a plurality of appliances each of the plurality of appliances having within the platform an associated address for an information source that has information related to its corresponding appliance and initiate the retrieval of information related to appliance(s) using the appropriate address(es). For these reasons, it is submitted that Darbee, alone or in combination with Wachter, which has not been asserted to disclose, teach, or suggest these element missing from Darbee, cannot be said to disclose, teach, or suggest each and every word of the claims and, as such, the rejection of the claim must be withdrawn.

While it is acknowledged that Darbee does disclose that the remote control may be provided with addresses for Internet Web sites, Darbee does not disclose that the addresses are used to access Internet Web sites in response to activation of a key which also transmits a command to an appliance to cause the appliance to select one or more of plural content streams or which also places the remote control into one of plural modes to transmit commands to one or more of a plurality of appliances. Rather, Darbee discloses that the addresses are stand alone entries within the EPG and that a user may navigate to an address within the EPG and use that address to manually cause a computer to access a particular Web site. The accessing of a Web site is not described as being performed as a

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result of any other action. (Col. 20, lines 50-61; and WebTV bookmarks of Fig. 23). For this reason, it is respectfully submitted that the disclosure within Darbee related to the use of URLs within the EPG (whether considered alone or in combination with Wachter) cannot be said to anticipate or render obvious the claims now presented.

CONCLUSION

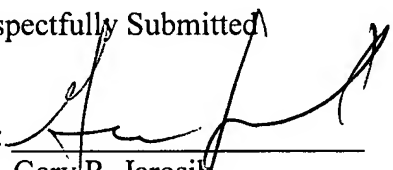
The subject application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Such action on the part of the Examiner is respectfully requested. Should it be determined, however, that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the attorney undersigned.

While it is not believed that any fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency to deposit account number 50-2428 in the name of Greenberg Traurig.

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